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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH  
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 11, 93RD CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 14, 1975

The Honorable  
Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to the attention of the Select Committee that no regulations or other instructions have apparently been issued in the Executive Branch to implement a provision of Public Law 93-475; enacted in 1974, relating to the responsibility of United States Ambassadors. That law added the following provision to the basic Department of State Authorization Act (22 USC 2680a):

Sec. 16. Under the direction of the President--

"(1) The United States Ambassador to a foreign country shall have full responsibility for the direction, coordination and supervision of all United States Government officers and employees in that country, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander;

"(2) The Ambassador shall keep himself fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of the United States Government within that country, and shall insure that all Government officers and employees in that country, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander, comply fully with his directive; and

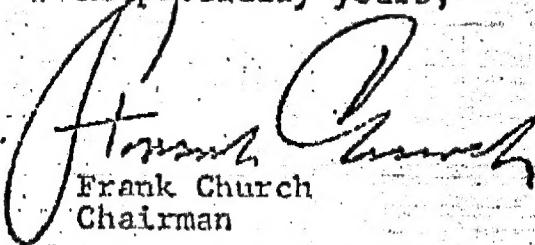
"(3) Any department or agency having offices or employees in a country shall keep the United States Ambassador fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of its officers and employees in that country, and

shall insure that all of its officers and employees, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander, comply fully with all applicable directives of the Ambassador."

The Committee is concerned that almost a year after enactment of this law, United States Ambassadors have not been provided guidance with respect to its implementation. Nor does it appear that other agencies with officers or employees abroad have issued implementing instructions pursuant to sub-section (3).

The Committee would appreciate, by November 30, 1975, a report on action taken or planned by the Executive Branch to implement this law, with special reference to its application to the intelligence agencies.

Respectfully yours,



Frank Church  
Chairman

cc: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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